



Division Guideline #10

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Title: **Fire/Safety Inspection Requirements**

Application: **Clarification of Code of State Regulations for Fire/Safety Inspections for residential habilitation (group home) and on-site day services providers**

The Code of State Regulations (CSR) requires fire/safety reviews for organizations providing residential habilitation (group home) and on-site day services. The related standards are located in 9 CSR 45-5.110, 45-5.130, 45-5.140 and 45-5.150. The CSR can be found at the Missouri Secretary of State's web site <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/9csr/9c45-5.pdf>.

1. The CSRs apply to group homes in which four or more individuals live, on-site day services and agency-owned employment services sites. It does not apply to the homes/apartments in which individuals live and receive Individualized Supported Living services.
2. Certified providers are required to have the annual fire/safety inspection completed by the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office.
3. Accredited providers follow the requirements in the standards of their respective accrediting body - CARF or CQL. They are not required to obtain the inspection from the Fire Marshal, but instead may use the Fire Marshal, a local fire authority or another professional expert source accepted by their accrediting body. Any Division review activity which includes verification of fire/safety inspections accepts reports from these alternate inspection authorities which meet the accreditation standards.
4. For certified providers, all requests are funneled through the DMH Office of Licensure and Certification (L&C). This is the single entity through which communication flows for such requests. Contact information for the regional L&C offices is located at <http://dmhonline/diroffice/depdir/licensure/mrdd/mrddregions.htm>.

This guideline will be reviewed and updated annually, if needed.